

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on September 8, 2009 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
John Maycock, Vice Chairperson  
Gary McLeod, Clerk  
Michael Rell  
Bette Botticello, Alternate

Members Absent: Susan O'Brien  
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on August 28, 2009.

**APPLICATION NO. 3729-09.** Donna and Michael Amoruso seeking to install a split rail fence at 67 Hartford Avenue.

Donna Amoruso of 67 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission. Mrs. Amoruso explained that she would like to remove the privet hedge around her yard and install a wood split rail fence in its place. The fence will sit approximately 2' back from the sidewalk. Her home is on a corner lot and the fence will span 11' to the sidewalk, 38' from the sidewalk to the corner, and 64' on the Willard Street side.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3730-09.** Town of Wethersfield seeking to construct new docks and a boat launch to replace the existing at Wethersfield Cove, Main Street.

Kathy Bagley, Director of Recreation and Parks for the Town of Wethersfield and Charlie Forsdick, Harbor Master appeared before the commission. The applicants stated that they have begun the process of replacing the docks and are in the review process with the various town boards and commissions. Currently the cove has three (3) temporary docks and they would like to replace it with one (1) T-shaped dock that would remain permanently year round. The dock uses an anchoring system called SeaFlex which is like a large rubber band. The dock will rise and fall with the tide on this system. This system is currently being used on some of the moorings in the Cove and has met with success. The dock will consist of three (3) parts. The first part will be permanently fixed in the Cove. The second part will consist of a floating dock. This will be attached to the permanent dock but will have the ability to float around to allow access to the dock when there is high water. The third part will be a portable dock that can be attached to the floating dock to allow access to the permanent dock during very high water. The new dock will be placed approximately where the middle temporary dock is currently located. The boat launch ramp will be adjacent to the new docks.

The docks will be constructed of aluminum as well as the railings which are required by code for the floating dock.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Billye Logan of 318 Hartford Avenue spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3731-09.** Karen Dirrigl seeking to replace the garage door at 15 Lincoln Road.

Karen Dirrigl of 15 Lincoln Road appeared before the commission. Ms. Dirrigl stated that her current garage door was damaged in the tornado. She would prefer to replace the door with a steel carriage style door. Her preference is to use a Providence 9700 white steel door with arched windows and carriage style black hardware. She would also consider a wood option in style number 7104.

Ms. Dirrigl would also like to replace the existing spot-light with a lantern style light.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3732-09.** James Pawlak seeking to construct an 8'x8' storage shed at 47 Church Street.

James Pawlak of 47 Church Street appeared before the commission. The applicant stated that he would like to install a barn style 8'x8' storage shed behind his garage. The siding would be painted T-111. The shed will have no windows but will have two (2) vents and the door will face east.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Brian Freeman of 59 Church Street spoke in opposition of the application.

Jean Freeman of 59 Church Street spoke in opposition of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3733-09.** Glenna White seeking to install vinyl siding and shutters at 56 Harmund Place.

Glenna White of 56 Harmund Place appeared before the commission. Ms. White explained that she would like to replace the current wood clapboard with CertainTeed Monogram vinyl siding. The siding will be in 16' lengths and will be a double 4" exposure. The color of the siding will be Granite Grey and the trim will be Sterling Grey. The trim will be wrapped in aluminum and will match the existing. The corner boards will be 4". The house currently has shutters but the applicant would like to remove them.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3734-09.** Douglas and Virginia Buck seeking to amend application number 3629-09 to 1) add a door on the south side of the carriage house, 2) add shed roofs over doors on the south side, 3) resize windows in garage doors to 3'x3', 4) modify second floor carriage house south side window, 5) add box with shed roof to enclose electrical service on carriage house north side, 6) replace granite pavers with brick and remove tree, and 7) put gravel or grass adjacent to west barn in lieu of brick or pavers at 411 Hartford Avenue.

Douglas and Virginia Buck of 411 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission. Mr. Buck stated he needs to make some modifications to the plans for the Wethersfield Arts Academy. He would like to add a door to the south side, shed roofs over both doors on the south side, resize the garage door windows to 3'x3', modify the window on the second floor of the carriage house to be a sixteen (16) light casement, add a box with a shed roof to be 5'x14' to house the electrical service on the north side, install brick instead of granite pavers, put gravel in the location of the previous manure shed, eliminate the trim around the windows and bring siding right up to the casings, change the window dimension on the east side, and add a door on the east side which will be the same style as the other proposed doors.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by commissioner Garrey, seconded by commissioner Maycock and a poll of the commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3729-09.** Donna and Michael Amoruso seeking to install a split rail fence at 67 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by commissioner Maycock, seconded by commissioner Botticello and a poll of the commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated he liked the split rail design.

Commissioner Garrey stated that a split rail fence works well on a corner lot.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3730-09.** Town of Wethersfield seeking to construct new docks and a boat launch to replace the existing at Wethersfield Cove, Main Street.

Upon motion by commissioner Maycock, seconded by commissioner Rell and a poll of the commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The railing system shall be as that proposed on the gangway.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3731-09.** Karen Dirrigl seeking to replace the garage door at 15 Lincoln Road.

Upon motion by commissioner Maycock, seconded by commissioner McLeod and a poll of the commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The garage door shall be steel model number 9700 Providence with a 12 light arched window.
2. The hardware shall match.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Abstention: Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3732-09.** James Pawlak seeking to construct an 8'x8' storage shed at 47 Church Street.

Upon motion by commissioner Garrey, seconded by commissioner Maycock and a poll of the commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

**Discussion**

The commission would like the applicant to stake out the location of the shed. Commissioner Garrey questioned the proposed location of the shed and thought perhaps another location in the yard should be considered. Commissioner Rell mentioned he thought the purpose of the garage that was approved last year was to accommodate storage.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3733-09.** Glenna White seeking to install vinyl siding and shutters at 56 Harmund Place.

Upon motion by commissioner Maycock, seconded by commissioner Botticello and a poll of the commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated he would like the opportunity to re-visit the site.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

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Upon motion by commissioner Maycock, seconded by commissioner Botticello and a poll of the commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: August 25, 2009**

Upon motion by commissioner Maycock, seconded by commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public comments on general matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

Kristin Stearley reported that she is in the process of reviewing applications for the vacant Recording Secretary position. She hopes to have the position filled soon.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by commissioner Botticello, seconded by commissioner Maycock and a poll of the commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

Respectfully Submitted  
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod  
Clerk